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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Official Action. As explained more fully below, the Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the limitations set forth in Claim 27, and as otherwise suggested by the Examiner.

The Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in light of the amendments made to the application and the following remarks, which are responsive to the Official Action mailed January 12, 2005. Claims 1-5, 9-21, and 23-44 are pending in the application.

The Applicant will generally respond to the Official Action in the general order in which it was presented.

#### **A. Response to Amendment**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1), Applicant has indicated in this amendment previously canceled claims in the claim listing. Applicant apologizes for this oversight in previous amendments.

#### **B. Response to Arguments**

Applicant recognizes that the prior arguments with respect to Claims 1-5, 9-111, 13-21, 24, 26, 29-35, and 39-44 are now moot in view of the new grounds of rejection found in the January 12, 2005 Official Action. Applicant does note, however, that the Examiner appears to have accepted the amendments to Claim 1 that were shown in the response to an earlier Official Action, this Applicant has not shown those earlier amendments as "new" in this response.

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**C. Claim Objections**

Claim 11 is amended herein to reflect Examiner's suggestion to delete "hglass" and replace with --glass--.

**D. Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112**

The Official Action provides that Claims 1-5, 9-21, and 23-44 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. To overcome these rejections, Applicant hereby:

- amends line 14 of Claim 1 to replace "client" with --customer--;
- amends Claim 1 by deleting lines 21-23 and adding the clause, --wherein the administrator server receives event packets and associated video and/or audio information, and intelligently routes the event packets and information to one or more administrator work stations-- beginning at line 15; and
- amends Claim 18 by having Claim 18 depend from Claim 17 rather than Claim 13.

**E. Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103; and Allowable Subject Matter**

1. **35 USC § 102(e) Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 9, 10, 13, 20, 24, 26, 29-35, and 35-41**

The Official Action indicates that the identified claims are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Acosta et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,166,729.

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2. 35 USC § 103(a) Rejection of Claims 4, 43 and 44

The Official Action indicates that the identified claims are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Acosta et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,166,729, further in view of Courtney, U.S. Patent No. 5,969,755.

3. 35 USC § 103(a) Rejection of Claim 11

The Official Action indicates that the identified claim is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Acosta et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,166,729, further in view of Broady et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,495,288.

4. 35 USC § 103(a) Rejection of Claims 14-20

The Official Action indicates that the identified claims are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Acosta et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,166,729, further in view of Hansen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,081,606.

5. Allowable Subject Matter

The Official Action provides that Claims 12, 23, 25, 27, 28, and 36-38 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Paragraph 17 of the Official Action states, in relevant part, that the limitation set forth in Claim 27 contains allowable subject matter. The Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter previously set forth in Claim 27, and has canceled dependent Claim 27. Accordingly, the Applicant believes that independent Claim 1 is allowable and the claims that depend from independent Claim 1 are allowable as they depend from an allowable independent claim, which includes those claims rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) and 35 USC § 103(a), as identified above.


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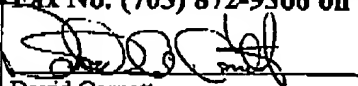
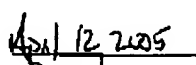
#### **F. Conclusion**

In view of the amendments and the remarks presented above, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite the examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond the request for a thirty-day extension that accompanies this paper. But in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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